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CLEVELAND MONSTERS UPDATE

Cleveland has picked up three-straight wins after a month of December that was impacted by Columbus' constant callups due to injuries. The Monsters are 17-15-1 (35 pts.) through 35 games and occupy the seventh spot in the North Division and are 13th in the Eastern Conference, currently sitting seven points out of a playoff spot. The club has a plus-3 goal differential and has allowed 96 goals on the season, with its 2.74 GAA ranking eighth in the AHL.



CLEVELAND (AHL) STATS

Skater	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Paul Bittner (LW)	29	4	4	8	2	30
Gabriel Carlsson (D)	28	1	8	9	6	10
Adam Clendening (D)	31	5	20	25	6	34
Ryan Collins (D)	11	1	2	3	3	6
Zac Dalpe (C)	18	7	4	11	3	4
Marko Dano (LW)	29	3	10	13	-1	61
*Trey Fix-Wolansky (RW)	16	2	5	7	-2	12
*Maxime Fortier (RW)	8	0	1	1	-5	4
Nathan Gerbe (LW)	30	8	17	25	-8	22
Markus Hannikainen (LW)	18	4	6	10	-2	4
Jakob Lilja (LW)	18	4	5	9	-1	0
Ryan MacInnis (C)	28	3	12	15	8	16
Stefan Matteau (C)	32	9	11	20	-3	33
*Andrew Peeke (D)	21	5	7	12	3	4
Michael Prapavessis (D)	11	1	0	1	-1	2
Justin Scott (C)	35	6	8	14	4	44
Kale Sherwood (RW)	17	4	2	6	1	22
Dillon Simpson (D)	35	6	6	12	-7	16
Doyle Somerby (D)	34	1	3	4	0	39
Kevin Stenlund (C)	27	6	10	16	-9	18
Calvin Thurkauf (LW)	29	3	9	12	3	25
Goaltender	GP	REC	GAA	SV%	SO	MIN
Matiss Kivlenieks (G)	15	7-6-2	3.04	.894	1	907
Veini Vehvilainen (G)	17	8-8-1	2.01	.924	2	1,016

OTHER LEAGUE STATS

Skater	Team/Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	+/-	PIM
Tyler Angle (C)	Windsor/OHL	36	20	23	43	10	26
Tim Berni (D)	ZSC Lions/NLA	29	4	5	9	9	0
Liam Foudy (C)	London/OHL	20	13	13	26	18	18
*Eric Hjorth (D)	Sarnia/OHL	39	9	14	23	-13	16
Kale Howarth (LW/C)	UConn/H-East	16	3	6	9	2	12
Marcus Karlberg (RW)	Leksands IF/SHL	7	0	0	0	-3	4
	Leksands IF/SuperElit	16	8	9	17	16	30
*Kirill Marchenko (LW/RW)	SKA/KHL	15	3	3	6	6	0
	SKA/VHL	14	9	3	12	-2	4
Carson Meyer (RW)	Ohio State/B1G	19	6	7	13	8	12
Lukas Sedlak (C)	Traktor Chelyabinsk/KHL	41	16	10	26	4	63
Robbie Stucker (D)	Minnesota/B1G	19	1	3	4	-2	4
*Dmitri Voronkov (LW)	AK Bars Kazan/KHL	16	1	3	4	2	20
Daniel Zaar (RW)	Rogle BK/SHL	26	12	12	24	6	10
Goaltender	Team/Lge	GP	REC	GAA	SV%	SO	MIN
*Daniil Tarasov (G)	Assat/Liiga	24	6-11-4	2.47	.905	0	1,309
Peter Thome (G)	North Dakota/NCHC	0	0-0-0	0.00	.000	0	0

*Rookie

PROSPECTS OF NOTE

WORLD JUNIORS

Columbus had four prospects participate, with three earning medals, in the 2020 IIHF World Junior Championship, which was held in Ostrava and Trinec, Czech Republic from Dec. 26-Jan. 5. C **Liam Foudy** (1st round, 18th overall, 2018 NHL Draft) had three goals and an assist in seven games to aid Canada in claiming their second WJC gold in the last three tournaments. A pair of Russian forwards earned silver, with LW **Kirill Marchenko** (2nd, 49th, 2018) returning for his second tournament and posting 2-4-6 in seven games, while LW **Dmitri Voronkov** (4th, 114th, 2019) collected 3-4-7 in seven contests. Voronkov's seven points tied him for 16th in the tournament in scoring while his 16 PIM and plus-6 rating were both tied for second among skaters. D **Tim Berni** (6th, 159th, 2018) represented Switzerland as captain and had three assists in five games. The Blue Jackets four representatives at the event tied for the seventh-most in the NHL.



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VEHVILAINEN

Cleveland (AHL) G **Veini Vehvilainen** has been a stabilizing force for the Monsters in net over the past month. The Blue Jackets' sixth round, 173rd overall pick, of the 2018 NHL Draft, has allowed two goals or less in seven-straight starts. The 22-year-old goaltender has performed exceptionally well in his first professional season in North America. He possesses a 2.01 GAA that is second in the AHL and a .924 SV% that ranks eighth.



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